

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team
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Focus School Grant Due Date: December 20, 2013

Your Focus School Grant application is connected to the Title I application. If you have any questions, please contact your [Focus School Liaison](#) as soon as possible.

The second date for Indistar monitoring is January 31, 2014

There is required activity in Indistar around your three active objectives and the tasks assigned to them.

In order for a currently active objective with tasks assigned to remain active, you must do one or more of the following by January 31:

- Under *Create*, add a task.
- Under *Monitor*, update a task.
- Under *Monitor*, write a narrative summary or enter data about progress on an existing task.

If one of your three active objectives from fall 2013 is now fully implemented, you must choose a new objective to work on and assign tasks to it.

- If you are an elementary school: One of your active objectives must align to PBIS and one must align to Rtl.
- If you are a middle or high school: One active objective must align to Rtl, one must align to PBIS, and one must align to EWS.

[Indistar indicators aligned to Rtl, PBIS and EWS](#)

[Focus School Requirements 2013-14](#)

Focus School Networking at WSRA

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Fun begins at 4:30 p.m.

Free hot hors d'oeuvres and collegial conversation

First 50 to enter get a free prize!

Pre-Register Now!

Join us at the DoubleTree Hotel just across the street from the WSRA convention center. Share ideas, access literacy experts, and get your questions answered as we work collaboratively to increase student achievement!

Pre-Register your Staff Now!

Click the link below to enter names and e-mail addresses of staff from your building who will be attending WSRA. We will then send more individualized invitations for an RSVP.

[Click here to pre-register](#)

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Save the Date!
Title I Innovation Conference
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee, WI

This conference will support Focus and Priority School improvement through facilitated networking and strategic implementation practices. School teams will attend with the purpose of spending time together learning, networking with other similar schools, and planning for 2014-15.

Invited Speakers

Ian Guidera
The Science of Implementation

Where is your school improvement effort headed? School leaders seeking to bring about dramatic and sustainable improvements to their organizational cultures and instructional systems will explore the seven necessary components of an implementation plan. In order to effectively support school improvement, each of these components must be integrated into a cohesive system of support. Learn to enhance your plan for the 2014-15 school year in order to improve systems and develop positive, schoolwide cultures.

Furman Brown
Sensible Innovations

How can schools use existing resources to expand time for teachers and students? Sensible innovations can help public schools redesign their use of time, talent, technology, professional development, and space to build high-impact systems and structures. Through flexible thinking, schools can add significant time for both students and teachers with no additional costs.

Professional Development Opportunities

Unpacking and Repacking Standards to Understand Academic, Language, and Behavioral Demands

DPI's process for unpacking and repacking standards results in a deep understanding of the academic, language, and behavioral demands included in a particular standard. This understanding is helpful in designing instruction and selecting resources to meet the needs of all learners, including language learners and students with special needs. Materials needed to engage in this work in a professional learning community are available free-of-charge at <http://bit.ly/standunpack>. Also, an interactive two-hour webinar is available at <http://tinyurl.com/lm85ryx>.

Professional development that may be funded with Focus School Grants:

- [Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention, February 6-8, 2014](#)
- [46th Wisconsin Mathematics Council Annual Conference, April 30-May 2, 2014](#)
- [Wisconsin Title I Association Conference, April 3-4, 2014](#)

Other Resources

[DPI Title I Focus School Homepage](#)
[Indistar indicators aligned to RtI, PBIS and EWS](#)